



CITY OF MENOMONIE
POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION MEETING
Minutes

Friday – January 22, 2010
9:00 a.m.

Dunn County Board Room, First Floor, Room 112
Dunn County Government Center, 800 Wilson Avenue, Menomonie, WI
(Minutes are a draft until approved)

I. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order by PFC President Ron Sandfort at 9:07 a.m.

II. Roll Call

- Other Commissioners present Jim Ley, Tom Mangin, Bob Peterson and Jan Pierce. Also present were Attorneys John Behling and Ryan Steffes from the office of Weld, Riley, Prenn & Ricci, SC.

III. Closed Session

Motion was made by Tom Mangin, seconded by Jim Ley, and carried unanimously on roll call vote to go into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(a) to deliberate concerning the quasi judicial hearing before the Police and Fire Commission regarding the Complaints filed by Complainants Wiese, Lammer, Kong, and Martinson; also pursuant to Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel regarding litigation in which the Commission is likely to become involved.

The Commission first began analyzing the Menomonie Police Department Policy Standards of Conduct. Specifically, the Commission analyzed the policy language regarding rule numbers 1 & 11. The Commission also reviewed the original Complaint filed by Emilie Wiese. The Commission then began comparing and weighing the testimony provided by Emilie Wiese in regard to rules 1 & 11. The Commission also reviewed and considered the testimony of Menomonie Police Department Lieutenant Wendy Stelter. Attorneys John Behling and Ryan Steffes also again advised the Commission to disregard testimony which was provided which was outside the scope of the original Complaint.

The Commission then also weighed the evidence provided by Police Chief Wayne Stolpa in regard to his defense against the Wiese Complaint. This included weighing the testimony from Chief Stolpa, as well as witnesses who appeared on behalf of Chief Stolpa, which include Town of Madison Police Chief Scott Gregory, Dunn County Sheriff Dennis Smith, and Dunn County Chief Deputy Paul Gunness. The Commission weighed all the

evidence regarding these witnesses as it relates to allegations that rules 1 & 11 had been violated.

The Commission next deliberated regarding the Lammer complaint. The Commission first began analyzing the Menomonie Police Department Policy Standards of Conduct. Specifically, the Commission analyzed the policy language regarding rule number 1. The Commission also reviewed the original Complaint filed by Lucy Lammer. The Commission then began comparing and weighing the testimony provided by Lucy Lammer in regard to rule 1. The Commission also reviewed and considered the testimony of Blaine Halverson. Attorneys John Behling and Ryan Steffes also again advised the Commission to disregard testimony which was provided which was outside the scope of the original Complaint.

The Commission then also weighed the evidence provided by Police Chief Wayne Stolpa in regard to his defense against the Lammer Complaint. This included weighing the testimony from Chief Stolpa, as well as witnesses who appeared on behalf of Chief Stolpa, which include Dunn County Sheriff Dennis Smith, Dunn County Chief Deputy Paul Gunness, City Council President Lee Schwebs, and City Administrator Lowell Prange. The Commission weighed all the evidence regarding these witnesses as it relates to allegations that rule 1 had been violated.

The Commission next deliberated regarding the Kong complaint. The Commission first began analyzing the Menomonie Police Department Policy Standards of Conduct. Specifically, the Commission analyzed the policy language regarding rule numbers 1 & 8. The Commission also reviewed the original Complaint filed by Ka Ge Kong. The Commission then began comparing and weighing the testimony provided by Ka Ge Kong in regard to rules 1 & 8. The Commission also reviewed and considered the testimony of May Kong Xiong, Ruth Ann Martinson, Chief Medical Examiner Christopher Howard Kruse, Vi Xiong, Soliving Kong, and Gnia Kong. Attorneys John Behling and Ryan Steffes also again advised the Commission to disregard testimony which was provided which was outside the scope of the original Complaint.

The Commission then also weighed the evidence provided by Police Chief Wayne Stolpa in regard to his defense against the Kong Complaint. This included weighing the testimony from Chief Stolpa, as well as witnesses who appeared on behalf of Chief Stolpa, which include Town of Madison Police Chief Scott Gregory, Dunn County Sheriff Dennis Smith, and Dunn County Chief Deputy Paul Gunness. The Commission weighed all the evidence regarding these witnesses as it relates to allegations that rules 1 & 8 had been violated.

The Commission next deliberated regarding the Martinson complaint. The Commission first began analyzing the Menomonie Police Department

Policy Standards of Conduct. Specifically, the Commission analyzed the policy language regarding rule numbers 1 & 11. The Commission also reviewed the original Complaint filed by Ruth Ann Martinson. The Commission then began comparing and weighing the testimony provided by Ruth Ann Martinson in regard to rules 1 & 11. The Commission also reviewed and considered the testimony of Jaden Leigh and Jeffrey Miexner. Attorneys John Behling and Ryan Steffes also again advised the Commission to disregard testimony which was provided which was outside the scope of the original Complaint.

The Commission then also weighed the evidence provided by Police Chief Wayne Stolpa in regard to his defense against the Martinson Complaint. This included weighing the testimony from Chief Stolpa, as well as witnesses who appeared on behalf of Chief Stolpa, which include Town of Madison Police Chief Scott Gregory, Dunn County Sheriff Dennis Smith, and Dunn County Chief Deputy Paul Gunness. The Commission weighed all the evidence regarding these witnesses as it relates to allegations that rules 1 & 11 had been violated.

Motion to return to open session was made by Tom Mangin, seconded by Bob Peterson, and carried unanimously on roll call vote.

PFC President Ron Sandfort announced that there was no action taken in closed session.

Next Meeting: January 29, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at the City Council Chambers, Third Floor, Dunn County Government Center, 800 Wilson Avenue, Menomonie, WI

VI. Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn was made by Jim Ley, seconded by Jan Pierce, and carried on roll call vote. Meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

JoAnn L. Kadinger, City Clerk
Recording Secretary